This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-57.   (Canceled)

58.   (Previously Presented) A system for controlling computer functions, said system capable of operating in a plurality of modes, said plurality of modes comprising at least a first mode and a second mode, said system comprising:

a first means for generating a first signal indicating that a menu should be displayed, for generating a second signal indicating a numeric selection and for generating a third signal indicating that an application specific function should be performed if the application is operating in said first mode;

a second means for displaying data;

a third means for receiving the first, second and third signals generated by the first means and, in response to receiving the first signal, causing the second means to display a menu comprising choices of at least one application program at least one of which has an associated numeric accelerator and, in response to receiving said second signal, launching the application program associated with the corresponding numeric accelerator and, in response to receiving the third signal, causing the launched application program to perform a function pertinent to that particular application program, if said system is operating in said first mode.

59.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the third means, in response to detecting the first signal provides information to applications executing on the third means which causes said applications to display menu information in a different manner than if the first signal had not been received from the first means.

60.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the third means inhibits the display of all taskbars, menus, and buttons until the first signal is received.

61.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein, in response to the launching of the application program, said third means removes the association of said numeric accelerator from the choices of the menu and associates said numeric accelerators with choices of a nested menu.

62.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the generation of at least one of said first signal, said second signal, and said third signal causes said third means to switch from a first mode of operation to a second mode of operation.

63.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the first means further generates a fourth signal for switching the operation of the system between modes and wherein the third means, in response to receiving said fourth signal, causes said system to switch to said first mode if said system is operating in said second mode.

64.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the function pertinent to the particular launched application program is different based on the mode of the system.

65.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein said third signal causes a different function of the launched application program to be performed based on the application program launched.

66.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the third means receives signals from the first means only if the system is operating in the first mode.

67.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the first mode is a theater mode wherein a display is enhanced.

68.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the menu displayed in response to the first signal is different based on the mode of the system.

69.   (Previously Presented) A method for controlling computer functions comprising:

receiving a first signal and a second signal, said second signal being associated with an application program;

executing said application program in response to said second signal;

displaying a menu responsive to said first signal, wherein said menu is displayed only after said application is executed.

70.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said step of executing said application program comprises launching the application program in response to a numeric accelerator, said numeric accelerator being associated with said second signal.

71.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 70 wherein said step of executing said application program further comprises receiving a third signal, said third signal causing the launched application program to perform a function pertinent to that particular application program.

72.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 70 wherein said menu comprises choices of at least one application program.

73.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72 wherein said choices of at least one application program has at least one of an associated numeric accelerator.

74.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 73 further comprising launching said at least one application program associated with the corresponding numeric accelerator.

75.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 further comprising receiving a third signal, said third signal causing the launched at least one application program to perform a function pertinent to that particular application program.

76.   (Previously Presented) A system for controlling computer functions comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first signal and a second signal, said second signal being associated with an application program;

a processor for executing said application program in response to said second signal;

a display device for displaying a menu responsive to said first signal, wherein said menu is displayed only after said application is executed.

77.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 76 wherein said executing comprises launching the application program in response to a numeric accelerator, said numeric accelerator being associated with said second signal.

78.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 77 wherein said receiver further receives a third signal, said third signal causing the launched application program to perform a function pertinent to that particular application program.

79.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 77 wherein said menu comprises choices of at least one application program.

80.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 79 wherein said choices of at least one application program has at least one of a corresponding numeric accelerator.

81.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 80 wherein said processor launches said at least one application program associated with the corresponding numeric accelerator.

82.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 81 wherein said receiver further receives a third signal, said third signal causing the launched at least one application program to perform a function pertinent to that particular application program.